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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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MEMORANDUM

CHARGE!!!

August 28, 1970

NOTE FOR COLONEL SWEENEY

SUBJECT: Debriefing on Vienna SALT Talks

I think that we need to debrief some member of the SALT working group who was present at the recently concluded Vienna talks. Specifically, we need to understand a great deal more about those areas of the negotiations which examined verification and concealment and deception among other things. Colonel Paul Von Ins or Lt Colonel Kohler, if either was present in Vienna, would be likely candidates for this debriefing. If you concur, I will make the necessary arrangements. In addition to representation from SS-5, I know that you and perhaps Dr. Naka would be interested in participating in such a debriefing. Certainly you would want someone from SS-4 and I feel sure that Captain Geiger would want someone from SS-7 to sit it--especially since Jim Marshall was a very active participant and contributor to the Verification Panel studies.

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GORDON BASS
Major, USAF

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TSI NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

September 15, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Debriefing on Vienna SALT Talks

On September 14, I met with the following members of the ACSAN staff to discuss a SALT debriefing for the NRO staff:

Col Paul Von Ins, USAF - Dep Asst to the Chmn, JCS for Strategic Arms Negotiations
Capt W. O. McLean, USN - Asst Dep
Col Kohler, USA

I pointed out that our interests lay essentially in these areas:

Verification.
Definition of "national means of verification."
Concealment and deception.
Impact of SALT on classification of the "fact of" satellite reconnaissance.
Overall impact of a successfully concluded SALT on the NRP.
Adequacy of [redacted]llets for the ACSAN staff and the need to tidy up the initial, hasty arrangements in this area.
Requirements for NRO input to Phase III of the talks to be convened in Helsinki in November.

I explained that the information we had received during the Vienna talks was sparse and derived almost exclusively from

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sporadic messages that we received via Air Staff distribution over which we had no control. I asked that someone from the ACSAN staff debrief the NRO staff in an informal exchange, principally question and answer format, 30-45 minutes duration. I proposed September 22 or 23 as likely dates and 1000 a likely time.

Colonel Von Ins and the others were generally receptive to the proposal. Colonel Von Ins said that he would like to discuss it with Lt Gen Allison and would call me near the end of this week to verify the arrangements.

GORDON BASS
Major, USAF

I discussed this information with Col Sweney on 14 Sep. 70.

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